REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of March 7th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On March 11, 2005, Angel Padilla, who was wanted by the Harvard Police Department for two counts of criminal sexual assault and aggravated robbery, was arrested in Chicago, Illinois. It is alleged that Padilla entered a gas station and robbed the female attendant. Implying that he had a weapon, he then sexually assaulted the victim. Padilla is a career criminal with 26 total arrests and 7 convictions. Padilla's criminal history includes assault, larceny, damage to property, traffic offenses, burglary, stolen vehicles, and obstruction of justice. Padilla, a member of the "Latin Kings" street gang, was also identified as armed and dangerous. After developing information that Padilla was at a residence in Chicago, members of the Great Lakes Task Force responded to the address and were able to apprehend Padilla without incident.

Latin Kings street gang member



Angel Padilla

Wanted for Criminal Sexual Assault and Aggravated Robbery

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Victor Marez was arrested on March 10, 2005, in Ontario, California by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF), the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), parole agents from the California Department of Corrections (CDC), agents of the California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement (BNE), and investigators from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (SBSD) Crime Impact Team. Marez, a member of the "12th Street" gang from Pomona, California, was wanted by the CDC for parole violation and by the SBSD as the suspect in a double homicide that occurred in January 2005. Through the assistance of TOG, investigators developed information that Marez was staying at a trailer located in Ontario. On the evening of March 10, 2005, a surveillance team observed an individual believed to be Marez get into a vehicle and drive to a nearby convenience store. When he exited the vehicle and was positively identified, Task Force investigators attempted to move in and arrest Marez; however, he fled on foot and ran across a major thoroughfare, attempting to escape back into the trailer park. Task Force investigators apprehended Marez and took him into custody, following a struggle. At the time of his arrest, Marez was found to be in possession of a loaded .38 caliber revolver in his waistband, as well as 10 grams of methamphetamine and more than \$2,000 in cash.

12th Street gang member



Victor Marez

Wanted for Double Homicide

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On March 9, 2005, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), the Cobb County, Georgia, Sheriff's Office; and the Dekalb County, Georgia, Police Department arrested America's Most Wanted "Dirty Dozen" fugitive Alfonso Fowle. Fowle was wanted by Cobb County for armed robbery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon stemming from a March 4, 2005, home invasion in which five victims were tied up and herded into a closet. One victim, while tied up, was shot in the head and currently remains on life support. Alfonso Fowle and his brother Jahbir Fowle were also wanted in New York as material witnesses to a November 17, 2004 double murder in which one of the victims was eight-year-old child. On the morning of March 9, 2005, SERFTF investigators developed information that led them to a residence in Atlanta, Georgia where they set up surveillance. At approximately 9:30 pm that evening, investigators effected a raid plan and arrested Fowle inside the residence. Fowle's criminal history includes arrests for obstruction, robbery, weapons violations, narcotics, and assault.



Wanted for Armed Robbery and

Aggravated Assault

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

In July 2004, detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit responded to a shooting in Southeast Washington D.C. and discovered five individuals suffering from gunshot wounds; two would later be pronounced dead. Detectives identified Gerald Williams as one of the shooters, and on February 10, 2005, swore out a warrant in D.C. Superior Court, charging Williams with first degree murder. On February 15, 2005, the case was turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. On March 7, 2005, task force investigators, in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Technical Operation Group (TOG), located and arrested Williams without incident, at an address in Southeast Washington D.C.



Wanted for Murder

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

Dwight Findlay was wanted by the Mount Vernon Police Department in Westchester County, New York as a suspect in a September 6, 2004 homicide in which Findlay allegedly shot the victim in the head during a dispute that took place on the street. The NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, developed a possible address for Findlay in Manhattan. During surveillance, investigators observed Findlay leave the building and enter a vehicle. A felony car stop was conducted and Findlay was arrested without incident.



Dwight Findlay

Wanted for Homicide